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1. A Soviet engineer headquarters was observed in the BARBY (M 52/
D 88) Castle.

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2. About 20 motor vehicles, including were stored in the former stables.

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3. Six telephone wires led from the castle to officers' billets
in the town. A colonel was observed among the officers.

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Comment:

The 15th Gds Engr Bn of the Third Shock Army is carried as
being stationed in BARBY (last confirmed on 10 May 1949).

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Files of Higher Headquarters list the 323rd Engr Bn, also
having as being in BARBY. The files indicate that,
following the deactivation of the 19th Engr Brig which allegedly
consisted of the 94th Engr Bn and two other engineer battalions
(possibly including the 15th Gds), the 323rd Engr Bn was acti-
vated in BARBY in December 1946 but no pertinent information is
available. However, it is considered possible that the 19th
Assault Engr Brig, which with its 91st through 95th Engr Bns
had been assigned to the Third Shock Army during the war
(last confirmed in January 1945), may not have been deacti-
vated but only reorganized or reduced in strength and may now
exist as 19th (Assault) Engr Regt (with headquarters in the
BARBY Castle?). This assumption is corroborated by the know-
ledge that engineer regiments are also assigned to other armies
in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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